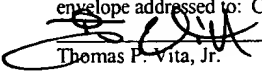




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In re Application of: KOCIMSKI, STANISLAW M.

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Serial No.: 09/871,287

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**RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

In response to the December 18, 2003, Office Action, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**Amendments to the claims** begin on page 2 of the paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 10 of this paper.

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